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MERRY CHRISTMAS
&
HAPPY NEW YEAR



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Editorial

Christmas Is Remembering



If we were to be asked by some inquiring person for our definition of "Christmas spirit", we would probably bring forth a wide variety of assorted opinions. Some would say, "the spirit of giving", others, "the Christmas in the heart", and still others, "the contemplation of Christ". And surely they would all be right. For giving is as important a part of Christmas as the Christmas of the heart which is so dear, or the contemplation of Christ that is the beginning of Christmas. And yet, the spirit of Christmas is much more than this.

To most of us Christmas is one great, huge bundle of exciting events that begin soon after Thanksgiving Day, and end with the ringing in of the new year. This bundle, tied with bright red and green ribbon, and decorated with gay holiday seals, is wrapped in love, friendship, and mirth. And that is as it should be.

But sometimes we forget, in the hustle and bustle of Christmas shopping and entertaining, the true meaning of the word Christmas. For Christmas is remembering. Remembering not only the birth and life of Christ, but also the rules which he gave us to live by--rules of brotherhood and "doing unto others".

How very lucky we are to be here, alive on this earth, to make of our lives something great and wonderful. Perhaps we shall not enter our last years with riches or fame, but we will have the satisfaction and the kind of glowing happiness that only a life of giving of ourselves can bring.

Next time you become annoyed at something someone does, don't notice it with an unkind remark; instead smile and treat him as you would want someone to treat you. And always remember that all men are equal--even if a person is not as well dressed or as well pressed as you, he still has the right and the chance, to make of himself a man special and good. This Christmas effort costs you nothing--a few kind words, a smile; but the rewards are marvelous and uncountable. Then you'll have the true Christmas spirit; only let us, the people of Joliet Junior College, make it an all year around Christmas spirit, truly a Christmas in remembrance!



School Spirit Analyzed

School enthusiasm at athletic events depends on three important factors. These are whether or not the individual student finds satisfaction in:

- (1.) HIS SCHOOL. It is most difficult to back something one does not have faith in. Although contrary opinions may have formed since the nine weeks' grades have come out, most JJC students will have to rate their school's educational standards, or whatever else they may be seeking, as pretty high. If not, then after we lose these students by next semester, the privilege of supporting our school will have to be left to those of us that remain. And because we will have remained, we should be willing and able to make a fairly acceptable stab at it.
- (2.) HIS TEAM. Now that we are in the basketball season, we should really be riding high in this category. We are all proud of the way our football team carried on through the season against teams made up of much bigger boys. Our golf team also gave us reason to be proud. Baseball is not too far away. Our dramatics and musical performances are second to none.

- (3.) ENTHUSIASM ITSELF. In view of what has been said thus far, we may conclude that enthusiasm is something that does exist at JC this year.

15 Graduate At Mid-Term

To some JJC students, January will not only mean the time for mid-term exams, but also, graduation. Although the graduation will not take place until June, officially, the students will have fulfilled the final graduation requirements.

Several students have finished the required 60 hours of work, but are coming back the second semester.

Those students who are graduating include: Dick Begler, Paul Belin, Judy Germain Brown, Dan Felus, Donna French, Howard Pollock, Walter Schuda, Guy Sell, Mary Beth Sorensen, Beverly Torok, Jean Uhde, Larry Waddell, and Gordon Wilkins. Carole Carson and Don C. Smith are transferring to Illinois State Normal University after graduation. Laura Humbert, though not graduating, is transferring to Carthage College.

JJC SCHEDULE

- Jan. 19-23 - Final exams.
- Jan. 27- Pupil program scheduling in library. Orientation for new students.
- Jan. 28- Pupil program scheduling in library. College sophomore registration. 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Jan. 29- Freshmen registration.
 - M-Z - 9:00 - 12:00
 - A-L - 1:30 - 3:30
- Jan. 30- College registration for new students.
- Feb. 2 - College classes meet regularly.

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Dean Sends Christmas Card

by E. W. Rowley

Sometimes when we get the Before-Christmas Blues we feel like the poor artist who, for his personal Christmas card, drove out to sketch a country scene, only to find that it had become a giant shopping center.

But some things never change. A. R. Kretzmann says: "A cross remains a cross, and a Christmas tree a Christmas tree; but the way they are placed and the way they are lighted, and where they are placed may mean all the difference between a cross and a tree that says nothing, and a cross and a tree that stops a man in his tracks and sends him back to the Crucified or to the Child in the Manger."

It is said that the Christmas creche was originated by Saint Francis of Assisi 735 years ago this Christmas Eve. It was on that occasion that he, then an humble priest, changed the village church into a manger. He filled the chancel with hay and pulled an ox and an ass down the aisle. Then he persuaded a young mother to sit beside them with her baby.

The clergy said he was crazy.

The people said he was a saint.

So it may be with you that concentrating on the fact that there are only "blank" shopping days before Christmas may serve to add to your frustration, and worrying about the Sox and ties you must get for someone because he gets something for you adds its hollow note to your feelings of desperation.

May I suggest that the cure for your Before-Christmas Blues is mostly a "do it yourself" job.

If you are wise on Christmas morning you will look deep into a child's eyes as they reveal what has made Christmas live when a thousand other customs have been trampled under the feet of the passing years.

You will be able to see there the "Star of Wonder" that has made men fit to live together and you will be glad.

Merry Christmas!!!

NO NOTHIN'

by JC Wolf

The lockers were closed.
The lounge was all shut.
The smoker was empty.
All classes were cut.

No "Casuals", no tests,
No books and no hurry,
No shouting and talking,
No hustle and worry.

Not even a teacher!
No one can be seen.
No freshmen or sophomores.
Not even the Dean.

This sight sure is strange,
And I'm not just fakin'
Oh, I know what's wrong!
It's Christmas vacation!

Here's hoping you get
A whole lot of gifts.
Merry Christmas to you,
I'll see you the fifth.

Choir Presents Christmas Songs

"Oh Come All Ye Faithful" was one of the many songs sung by the JC choir when it presented its annual Christmas program.

The choir's first performance was for the W.A.L. Mother-Daughter Christmas Tea, Dec. 11. The Junior Women's Club of Joliet heard the second performance of the choir on Dec. 12. The choir sings for this organization every year and it is now a traditional event.

Soloists for these performances were Mary Beth Sorensen and Bob Knutson.

The choir, under the direction of Dr. Hal Dellinger, sang the following selections: "The Modern Christmas Choir", "Jesus the Christ is Born", "A Joyous Christmas Carol", "Four Old English Carols", "It's Beginning to Look Like Christmas", "Fum, Fum, Fum", and "Choral Fanfare" by Ron Nelson, a graduate of JT.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS



With only twelve days left in 1958, most of the JJC'ers are busy making their New Year's resolutions. Here are just a few of these "tremendous resolutions":

"WEEGIE and BREEZE": "We resolve to be better to all MANKind!"

DANNY RACICH: "I resolve that if I don't have anyone to drink with, I'll drink by myself."

DIANE HENNING: "I resolve that I will get no more "D"s on my English papers. So get going Sandy and Judy."

BILL CAISLEY: "I resolve to quit gossiping, and to quit speeding on West Jefferson Street."

WAYNE WADDELL: Resolves to leave all girls alone.

CARL ORNER: Resolves to find the physics law that Mr. Onsgard doesn't know.

WAYNE BARNETT: "I hereby resolve to make friends with someone from Lockport so I don't have to hitchhike to and from school any longer."

BILL DILL: Resolves to buy Warren Oldham a motor scooter to go back and forth from the smoker to the lounge.

RICH GINNETTI: Resolves to quit eating watermelon during the month of December.

CAROLE CARSON: "I promise to coach the basketball team and their girls when Mr. Wills goes to the hospital for high blood pressure and lack of available words!"

RICH WERNER: "I will not tell Mary that she is fat except on Tuesdays."

JUDY HYND: "I resolve for the new year to study harder, quit flirting, and cheer better. Impossible?!"

JIM McCLOUD: "I resolve not to study next semester. I study all the time and it doesn't do any good."

JIM MONCE: "I resolve to get a date for the Spring Formal this year."

D. J. KRIZMANIC: "I resolve to take the straw out of my milk bottle every day."



JJC PARTY SET FOR

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

To usher in the holiday season, the annual Christmas party will be held tonight at the YMCA in Buchanan Hall from 8:15 to 11:30.

Entertainment, under the direction of master of ceremonies, Joe Caterello, will be furnished by the Belvidere singing group, JC students, and to highlight the evening's festivities, Santa, helped by Dean Rowley, his official postmaster, will climb down the chimney to present Christmas gifts.

Christmas decorations and mistletoe (watch out girls) will brighten the hall and refreshments will be served.

Skiers Plan Trip

Iron Mountain, Michigan will play host to a group of enthusiastic skiers on Friday, Jan. 23. A chartered bus will leave JJC at 4:00 p.m. and will return about midnight Sunday, Jan. 25.

The skiing will be done on Pine Mountain about 6½ miles from Iron Mountain which is about 350 miles north of Joliet. Some of the facilities offered to the weekend vacationers are a new Swiss ski lodge, a ski school, ski patrol, ski shop, sleigh rides and a new chair lift. Included in the activities for the winter weekend are skiing, tobogganing, ice skating, ski movies and dancing. For the skiers there are a 350' vertical drop, numerous trails and slopes up to 2500' and six ski tows.

Vets' Hold Drive

Each year at this time the Veterans' Club heralds in the Christmas Holiday with a drive to collect food and any other contributions for a needy family. Canned goods, clothing, and toys head the list of desired donations. This drive was initiated several years ago and was such a success that it has become an annual event at JC.

The family which will receive the gifts is chosen from a list



HOPING FOR A FULL BARREL are: l.to r., Rich Brandolino, Allan Vail, Warren Oldham, and Bob Knott.

President Outlines Student Council Activities, Plans

by Ron Knakmuhs

This year we, in the JC Student Council, have been busy planning social events and acting in the behalf of the student body on other matters. The year 1959 is just ahead of us and, looking in that direction for a moment, one can state that it will be another great year for JC.

Before looking back on the past year's events, it might be wise to tell those of you who have either forgotten or never knew, just who represents you in the Student Council. Representing the various JC clubs and organizations are Alice Levering, Choir; Jim Padley, JC Players; Barb Esler, Boosters; Don Johnson, Engineers; Bob Knott, Veterans; Larry Waddell, Lettermen; Frank DeSandre; SMS: Sally Schorie, WAL: Janet Zimmerman, Press Club; and Ray Rota, Business Club.

If you are not a club member then you're represented either by class officers and representatives-at-large. The sophomore class officers are David Imig, president; Wayne Barnett, vice-president; and Carole Sue Johnson, secretary. Freshman officers are Irwin Mann, president; Connie DuBois, vice-president; and Joan Shepley, secretary. Representing the student body at large are Marilyn Flynn, Carol Clark, Annette DiLorenzo, Gary Lichtenwalter, Pat Ward, and myself. Gary and Annette, incidentally are the other officers

of the Council, vice-president and secretary, respectively.

Much of the discussion in the Council this semester has centered about the big social events--homecoming, the formal, and tonight's Christmas Party. An event which is just in its final planning stages is the forthcoming New Year's Eve Dance, sponsored by the freshman class. Social events, for the most part, are given preliminary thought by the Social Council. Members of this group headed by Mr. Bondar, are sophomores Carole Sue Johnson, Don Johnson, Pat Ward; and freshmen Mary Fran Applegate, Jack Lambakis, and Ted Latz.

Among the non-social business of the Student Council was the disbursement of activity fees, proposed plans for a new JC smoker and cafeteria, and handling the re-opening of the lounge. Another committee which works in cooperation with the Council is the lounge committee. This committee is made up of Les Goldstein, Ken Norton, David Sullivan, Carol Clark, and John Almborg. They have done an excellent job in caring for the lounge and smoker.

I have just outlined the high spots of the JC Student Council's first semester. Please remember that all of you, as members of the student body, are cordially invited to attend any meetings of the Council--we'd enjoy having you.

of names obtained from the Salvation Army.

This is not limited to the Vets Club alone. All the clubs and students of JC are requested to participate and make this the most successful drive ever held. Remember, the true spirit of Christmas is the little children. Let's really go all out and make this a Christmas that one family will never forget.

Sweatshirts On Sale

Members of the Boosters Club have been selling sweatshirts during the noon periods in the main JC hall.

A wolf head is on the front of the shirt with the lettering "Joliet Junior College." These are priced at \$2.50 and come in medium and large sizes. If there are any left over they will be on sale after Christmas.

WAL Held Annual Holiday Tea



WAL COMMITTEE HEADS trimming the tree for the "Tea", are l. to r., Marianne Wilkins, Annette DiLorenzo, Carol Rowley, Barb Dunn, and Sharon Rumchak.

The annual JC Mother-Daughter Tea took place last week in the dance studio. Carol Clark was general chairman of the event and was aided by the following committee heads: Marianne Wilkins, refreshments; Annette DiLorenzo, programs; Marilyn Flynn, invitations; Sharon Rumchak, publicity; Barb Dunn, table decorations; and Carol Rowley, entertainment. The WAL board served as the clean up committee.

As a special feature, corsages were presented to the mothers and women faculty members, who were the honored guests.

The table was trimmed with red candles surrounded with holly and greenery to lend a holiday atmosphere. Refreshments included punch, coffee, and tea cakes.

The junior college choir furnished the entertainment for this affair.

"You will never 'find' time for anything. If you want time you must make it"..(Charles Buxton)

"Doing nothing is the most tiresome job in the world because you can't quit and rest".(Thomas Paine)

"Laziness is often mistaken for patience"...(French Proverb)

"If you would like to leave footprints on the sands of time you had better wear work shoes".(Anonymous)

JC Plays On Tap

Rehearsals are now in full swing for the three one-act plays which will be presented Jan. 11. The plays will be presented in the arena style which was quite successful here last year.

Jim Padley has been chosen to direct one of the plays and his choice of play is, "The Fisherman." Members of his cast include Bob Almasy, Bob Nichols, Judy Long, Jim Agazzi, and Chuck Tinder. Other members are Barb Johnson, Mary Fletcher, Carrie Juricic, Noel Hertz, and Bart Lipofsky.

"The Terrible Meek" is the play Jeanne Williams will direct. Her cast includes: Dave Otto, Annette DiLorenzo, and Bill Dill. Also Marge Lemke, Barb Schwerha, Wayne Barnett, Will Magosky, and Ann Burns will perform.

The third play, "Overtones" will be directed by Carol Clark. It features a female cast consisting of Janet Briesse, Karen Bolland, Barb Dunn, Sharon Rumchak, and Jan Zimmerman.

Two performances of these three plays will be given and those wishing to obtain tickets, contact the directors, members of the cast, or Mr. Mallary.

Brock Leads Double Life

Gaining a reputation as one of JJC's busiest young men is Fred Brock, part time student and part time state trooper.

Fred, 24, graduated from Joliet Township High School in 1951. Soon after graduation he entered the Navy, where he served as a Bosuns Mate on the U.S.S. Wasp. During his stay in the Navy, Fred visited ports along the Caribbean and Mediterranean Seas, plus cities in Japan, Hawaii, Ceylon, and the Philippines.

After three years of service, Fred returned to Joliet upon receiving his Navy discharge. Construction work held his interest for a while, but in May of 1957 he decided to try for a position as a state trooper. In October of 1957 he began his five week training course at the State Police Training School in Springfield, Ill.

Last September, Fred enrolled in a liberal arts course at JC. He is presently juggling his classes with a 12:00 to 8:00 a.m., six day a week job as a state trooper.

Being a state trooper, which Fred calls "clean and exciting work", and which he hopes to make his life's work, includes the patrolling of the Will, Grundy, Kendall, and LaSalle county highways. It is his duty to administer first aid to accident victims, determine the guilty party in accidents, clear the highways, and issue tickets. Fred has as an added responsibility the care and maintenance of the squad car he uses.



FRED BROCK

Student Disputes Jazz Critic

by Guy Sell

In the article "What is Jazz", which appeared in the November issue, comment was made that Hoagy Carmichael had no place on the All-Star Jazz Show. I would like to refer to a letter received from a fellow student. Quote: "Mr. Hoaglund 'Hoagy' Carmichael was a jazzman; he played with Bix Biederbecke, Paul 'Pops' Whiteman, led by his own group and developed his own style". Then the writer of the note referred me to two references in our library: "Pictorial History of Jazz" and "Real Jazz New and Old".

I did not dispute the fact that Carmichael was a jazzman. He is not now and his contribution to the All-Star Jazz Show was not jazz. His immortal "Stardust" will be with us for many years as a classic, but his arrangement is not jazz. It is not uncommon for a jazz musician to turn to the popular field, which in most cases is more profitable. Barney Kessel, one of the greatest jazz guitar players, can be heard backing Ricky Nelson on his early recordings. Because Kessel is a jazz guitarist does not mean his work with Ricky Nelson is jazz.

I was also criticized for saying Jane Morgan had no place on this same show. Once again I quote: "Admitted she (Jane Morgan) can't sing jazz as Ella, Sarah, Velma, or others, but she can put a tune over". For some tastes Ernie Tubbs

can also "put a tune over", but this does not make him a jazz vocalist. In her medium, Jane Morgan is a fine performer, but on the T.V. show she did not even approach the intricacies of jazz.

Finally, my critic stuck his neck out and referred to Chico Hamilton as a "square". Calling one of the greatest in modern jazz a "square" only emphasized this person's ignorance of music. I would like to refer him to the last few chapters of the books he called to my attention. I would like to take this opportunity, however, to commend him for having enough backbone to sign his name to the note.

Our 1958 Fall Formal is now history, and Louis Armstrong did a marvelous job--if you were a spectator. Louie and his group put on a magnificent concert. At any one time the number of dancers could be counted with little effort. Unless tradition is changing, Dixieland doesn't mix with tuxedos and evening gowns.

If you are a popular music fan, Columbia Records has released four albums this month, which offer the best in pops by the artists that made them. All the hit songs made famous by Doris Day, Tony Bennett, Jo Stafford, and Johnnie Raye are now available on LP's.

Leading the Christmas albums this year is Mitch Miller's, "Sing Along With Mitch".

JOIN THE MARCH OF DIMES

■■■■ TOWARD GREATER VICTORIES ■■■■



Freshmen Plan Holiday Dance

Plans are being made for the annual New Year's Eve dance to be held in the combined gyms from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Music will be by Buddy Everett. Privilege cards will be honored and 1,000 tickets will go on sale at \$1.50 each.

Co-chairmen for the dance are



MISS WOOD and FRESHMAN CLASS OFFICERS are looking over the favors for the New Year's Eve dance.

the freshman class officers, Irwin Mann, Joan Shepley, and Connie DuBois.

Other committees are tickets, Jo Spencer and Nancy Merrell; publicity, Carol Rackham and Bob Van Dyke; backdrop, Mary Beth Robinson, Jim Agazzi, and Diane Henning; balloons, Herb Boginis and Janice Swinford; coat checking will be handled by a club; novelty bags, Sharon Rumchak and Bill Dill; bandstand, Bob Procarione, and Alan Nuetzmann; lighting and P. A. system, Steve Malinovich; and clean up, Bob Kujawa and Jerry Hoffman.

Arthritis and birth defects have become partners of polio in a bold new program to be launched in the 1959 March of Dimes by the National Foundation.

The National Foundation, the organization that developed the Salk vaccine, describes its new program as the Three Faces of Crippling and says that it will take \$65,000,000 to get the three-way program off the ground in the year ahead.

That's the amount it is seeking in the 1959 March of Dimes Toward Greater Victories Jan. 2-31.



17 BELOW ZERO WEATHER did not prevent these students from going out to purchase a Christmas tree for the lounge. They are, l. to r., Jan Zimmerman, Carole Sue Johnson, Annette DiLorenzo, and Pat Ward.

WOLVES DOWN FOUR OPPONENTS

Joliet's Wolves have finished their first five cage contests as the owners of a 4-1 record.

Coach A. A. Wills and the JC squad battered Purdue Extension in the basketball season opener 92-48. On the following evening, the Wolves racked up a 104-52 win over Glenview Naval Air Station. In the Illinois Junior College Conference opener, Joliet clobbered host Morton of Cicero by a 73-55 count. The string was ended at three, however, as Joliet was dumped by Lewis College 89-71 in the opening game of the Chanute Air Force tourney at Rantoul. Joliet bounced back in its next outing and hammered Wilson JC of Chicago to the tune of 110-94.

Larry Waddell and Gary Lichtenwalter led Joliet's win over Purdue with 20 and 18 points respectively. Ken Barone and Harry Ayers carried the first half load to move Joliet to a 38-19 halftime advantage.

The Wolves went over the century mark in their second game with Barone hitting 30 markers for the evening. Other outstanding performances were turned in by Joe Pesavento, Eddie Jones, Waddell, and Ayers.

In Joliet's IJCC win over Morton JC, Pesavento spearheaded a second half drive that literally ran the Morton club into the ground. Pesavento was high man with 19 points. Ayers was next in line with 17 and Lichtenwalter who turned in a fine rebounding job added 11.

The walls came tumbling down as Joliet wound up on the short end of the score in the Chanute tourney opener as Lewis romped to an upset win. The Wolves were cold from the floor although Barone managed to riddle the net with 24 points. Joliet trailed by eight points at the half but the determined Lewis club was never headed.

Joliet got a fresh start on its home floor as they played host to Wilson. Barone unleashed a scoring attack that seemed almost unbelievable, hitting 17 of 23 attempts from the floor and adding two charities for 36 points. Ayers and Pesavento hit 28 and 22 points respectively as the Wolves went over the 100 mark for the second time and handed the Wilson club its first reversal in five starts.



KEN BARONE, letting go with a 20 foot jump shot against Wilson JC. Joliet won 110-94

JC Wrestling Squad Dropped

According to the last report from Mr. Davis, the chances for a wrestling team at JJC this year are slim. There are a number of reasons for this, but they boil down to these facts:

In the past years, many boys have signed up for the wrestling team and then have done nothing else. That is, they missed practice, matches, etc. As a consequence, most of the matches had to be cancelled and the schools whose matches with us were cancelled, have since refused to schedule us. So, due to the difficulty of arranging a schedule that we could be reasonably sure of filling, the coaching staff says that in all probability there will be no wrestling this year.

JC Gym Classes Exercise

by Jim Winkler

As most of you probably know, all the JJC boys who aren't out for athletics have to take two hours a week P. E.

Coaches Walser, Davis, Fahrenholz, Parker, Lance, and all the others do all that is in their power to make this a high point in our week by making us run, jump, fall down, do calisthenics, etc., until everyone is at the point of a breakdown. At this point we are allowed to descend to the sweet-smelling, air-conditioned locker room and take a shower.

Gym class started well enough this fall by playing football. As the weather cooled off, the troop has gone inside to learn the delights and benefits to be derived from running around a track twenty or thirty times and/or doing calisthenics for a half hour or so. Our calisthenics include situps, pushups, back-breakers, rib-crackers, arm-busters, and any number of other contortionist exercises. You name it, we do it.

Just recently, wrestling has been started as a device to keep us occupied for a couple periods. An informal poll conducted by your "always on the ball" reporter revealed that the wrestling would be greeted with much more enthusiasm if the boys' and girls' P.E. classes were combined. While most of the coaches withheld comment, it is reported on good authority that most of them are very receptive to the idea. So, anyone wishing to get up a petition on this subject would have plenty of support.



P.E. CLASS, doing some road work on the track.